

Monday 07 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the last week of term one, I write with an update before the October holidays.

### 1. Term one highlights in the Anderson High School

It has been another very busy term in the Anderson High School, some of our highlights include:

- Welcoming 1018 pupils into the school for the start of the new academic session.
- The recent S2 Outdoor Education Activities Days.
- The S1 Disco on Thursday 05 September.
- The Advanced Higher Biology pupils running Science workshops at Sound Primary School on Monday 23 September.
- The celebration of Maths Week Scotland during week commencing Monday 23 September.
- Secondary One Engineering Workshops on Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 September.
- The work of a group of young people, who are supported in the school's Support for Learning, Social and Emotional Base, who have been visiting Taing House weekly and supporting residents with games, activities and company.
- The S3 Anderson High School's netball team's progress in the Scottish Schools Cup.
- The S6 University Trip, Wednesday 02 October to Friday 04 October.
- The Anderson High School, Wool Week Café, Saturday 05 October.

### 2. Staffing update

In the English Department, we welcome back Mrs Kerr, as Principal Teacher, at the start of the new term, following her secondment in Sandwick Junior High School. I would like to thank Miss Cluness for all that she has done as Acting Principal Teacher of English. Meanwhile, our temporary English teacher, Miss Leeparis, is moving on from the school at the October break.

As well as Mrs Smith, teacher of Maths, and Mrs Kelly, teacher of Art and Design, Ms Carroll, teacher of Support for Learning, and Ms Campbell, Learning Support Worker, will move on from the school at the end of the term. Miss Sandison, teacher of Chemistry and Science, goes on her maternity leave at the end of the term.

At the start of the new term, we will welcome new colleagues into the Art and Design, Maths, Science and Support for Learning Departments – more information will follow at the start of term two.

### 3. Key dates

Date	Event
Thursday 10 October 2024	S3 Parents' Evening
Friday 11 October 2024	Last day of term one
Monday 28 October 2024 and Tuesday 29 October	In-Service Days – the school is closed for pupils
Wednesday 30 October 2024	The school re-opens for pupils for the start of term two

Week commencing 04 November 2024	S4 to S6 Study Skills Week in the school – more information to follow.
Tuesday 19 November 2024	S5 Parents' Evening
Thursday 28 November 2024	S6 Parents' Evening

I wish all families a restful October holidays and thank you for your ongoing support for the school.

Yours sincerely

Robin Calder

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